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No reference making an allotment either in cash or kind to this Province has so far been received from the Government of India."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether India got any industrial equipment from Germany or other ex-enemy countries by way of reparation and if so, what is the share of this Province?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" This question has got to be addressed to the Government of India and not to this Government."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Have this Government followed up the question after the first communication sent to the Government of India and insisted that they should have some share in the reparation in view of the damage caused to this Province?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That was the intention of the Government of India and that is why they have asked us to say."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Has the Government of India received any reparation either from Japan, Germany or other ex-enemy countries?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The information was asked by the Government of India from this Provincial Government and we have asked our share both in cash and equipment that may be required. So far we have not received any reply from the Government of India."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I request this Government to remind the Government of India?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That matter will be considered."

Restriction on the length of films.

* 148 *Q*.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any restriction on the length of films permitted for exhibition in cinemas;

(*b*) whether any such restrictions are under consideration;

(*c*) if so, whether the Government were consulted in the matter by the Government of India; and

(*d*) whether any representations have been received on the subject from the South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce, and if so, what the substance of the representation is and whether the Government have taken any action thereon?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

" (*a*) Not at present.

" (*b*) Yes.

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"(c) No.

"(d) No representations in writing have been received from the South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce; but the Film Chamber have been consulted informally and they have agreed to the proposed restrictions."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"May I know, Sir, whether the Board of Film Censors have any say in the matter?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— "They also thought that some restrictions may be made in regard to the length."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Is it the idea of the Government not to insist upon Cinema Houses exhibiting other films?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— "That is another matter. But this matter refers to the footage of the films. There are certain films of 19 to 20 thousand feet taking sometimes four hours which has been suggested that it has not been in the interests of the health of the people to witness for such a long time and it has been suggested in certain quarters that film restrictions may be imposed in the interests of health."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, whether the eye specialists or what other specialists have been consulted in regard to effects of long films on the health of cinema-goers?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— "Consultation was made from the health point of view."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"What is the footage that is considered best in the view of the Government and the Board of Film Censors?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— "Thirteen to fourteen thousand feet."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know whether restriction in lengths is based upon any scientific knowledge?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— "Yes, Sir. It has been said that any time between $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 hours will be no undue strain upon the health of the people."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"Is it not a fact that in English films two or three features are exhibited which make altogether 18 or 19 thousand feet?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— "The total time taken is what is considered."

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Admissions to the Vivekananda College.

* 149 *Q.*—Sri B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Hon. Minister issued a circular to the management of the Vivekananda College, Mylapore, in March 1948 to constitute advisory committees for the purpose of admissions to the said college; and if so, whether the Government propose to lay a copy of the communiqué on the table of the House; and

(*b*) whether the Managing Authorities of the college have sent a reply to the Hon. Minister and if so, to what effect and whether the Government will be pleased to lay the reply on the table of the House?

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"(*a*) No communication or circular of the kind mentioned in the question has been sent by me to the Vivekananda College or to any other college. Presumably, the hon. Member refers to G.O. Ms. No. 404, Education, dated 2nd March 1948, advising aided colleges to constitute advisory committees. A copy of the Government Order has been laid on the table of the House in answer to question No. 124.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer above."

Policy as regards afforestation.

* 150 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what the general policy of Government is in regard to afforestation and how they propose to give effect to it?

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON:—"The policy of the Government is to afforest degenerated forest and waste lands, the objects being

(1) to prevent soil erosion and thereby to protect agricultural land and agriculturists' houses;

(2) to relieve the fuel and timber shortage; and

(3) to produce materials which have great commercial value.

"To give effect to this policy the Government have already undertaken a number of afforestation scheme such as

(i) casuarina plantations in Guntur, Nellore, Chingleput, Salem South (Padugais) divisions;

(ii) plantations on the Hagari and Pennar river banks;

(iii) wattle cultivation on the Nilgiris and Palnis.

"They are also having the following schemes under their consideration:—

(*a*) Afforestation of waste lands in the Madura, Ramnad and Tirunelveli districts.

(*b*) Afforestation of waste lands in Tanjore and Tiruchirappalli districts."